

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation: Physician Assistants (29-1071)**

**Associated Occupation: Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners, All Other (29-1199)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 98

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Medicine and Dentistry	3.7	20.0	22.5	>	Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Psychology	6.4	16.1	18.3	>	Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	15.7	17.9	>	Current knowledge level is likely sufficient
Biology	3.7	15.5	19.4	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Therapy and Counseling	3.8	12.9	17.5	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Chemistry	4.8	11.3	11.7	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Sociology and Anthropology	4.1	8.9	10.2	>	Current knowledge level is likely sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Active Listening	11.0	14.5	14.3	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Science	4.5	14.1	12.2	<	A higher skill level may be required
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	13.4	13.5	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Service Orientation	7.9	12.0	12.8	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Operations Analysis	5.0	9.3	6.8	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97			
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	16.1	16.0	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Oral Comprehension	12.5	15.6	16.0	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	15.0	15.0	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	13.7	15.0	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Speech Recognition	9.9	12.3	11.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Information Ordering	9.9	12.0	11.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Flexibility of Closure	7.8	10.5	9.1	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speed of Closure	5.9	8.2	8.7	0	Current ability level may be sufficient

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There are no common work activities.

Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 86
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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity	
Acute care monitoring units and related products	22	
Ambulation and transfer and positioning aids for the physically challenged	27	
Anesthesia apparatus and accessories and supplies	47	
Blood pressure units and related products	11	
Casting and splinting supplies	25	
Computers	1	
Content authoring and editing software	1	
Diagnostic assessment and exam products for general use	21	
Electrocardiography EKG units and related products	20	
Emergency medical services extricating and immobilizing and transporting products	35	
Emergency medical services resuscitation products	15	
Floor grade instruments	30	
Hearing testing products	31	
Industry specific software	1	

Information exchange software	1
Injection and aspiration needles and accessories	25
Intravenous and arterial cannulas and catheters and accessories	29
Intravenous and arterial tubing and administration sets and related products	22
Intravenous infusion pumps and its analyzers and sensors and its accessories	31
Intubation supplies	21
Medical suction and vacuum products	33
Medical ultrasound and doppler and echo imaging products	19
Nasogastric tubes	43
Network applications software	1
Neurological exam products	30
Open heart perfusion equipment and monitors and accessories and related products	43
Ophthalmic diagnostic exam products	27
Orthopedic softgoods for lower extremity	33
Orthopedic softgoods for upper extremity and torso	35
Orthopedic traction supplies and accessories	40
Patient point of care testing supplies and equipment	23
Positive mechanical pressure ventilators and accessories	31
Pulmonary function testing and treatment products	24
Pulse oximeters	18
Rehabilitation exercise devices and equipment	24
Respiratory humidity and aerosol therapy products	31
Respiratory monitoring products	29
Scopes and specula and accessories for medical exam diagnostic use	23
Specimen collection and transport containers and supplies	14
Stethoscopes and related products	14
Surgical clamps and forceps and surgical ligators and related instruments	29
Surgical cutting instruments and snares and related products	24
Surgical equipment and accessories and related products	23
Suture and related products	23
Syringes and accessories	14
Thoracentesis products	47
Vascular imaging and interventional cardiology and cardiac catheterization lab products	40
Viewing and observing instruments and accessories	4

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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